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In Re Application of)
KEVIN J. PAGE, et al.) FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
Serial No.: 09/360,068) ESTABLISHING A SECURE SMART
Filed: July 23, 1999) CARD COMMUNICATION LINK
) THROUGH A COMMUNICATION
) NETWORK
) Group Art Unit: 2763

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Applicants submit herewith references of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to patentability of the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-cited application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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Applicants are submitting herewith copies of the references which are set forth on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A.

WIPO Patent Document No. WO 95/30975 (French), inventor Pailles, describes a system for secure telephone transactions comprising a telephone terminal connected to a server and a housing comprising a keyboard, a microprocessor card and means for generating sound signals. Card information is transmitted to the server by means of the sound signals and the telephone terminal. In the reverse direction, information is vocally addressed to the user who responds using a keyboard mounted on the housing. The system of the invention is suitable for secure telephone transactions, in particular, telepayments.

As all relevant parts of the remaining references are in the English language, no explanation of the references is provided herein.

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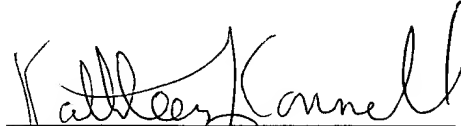
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Respectfully submitted,

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